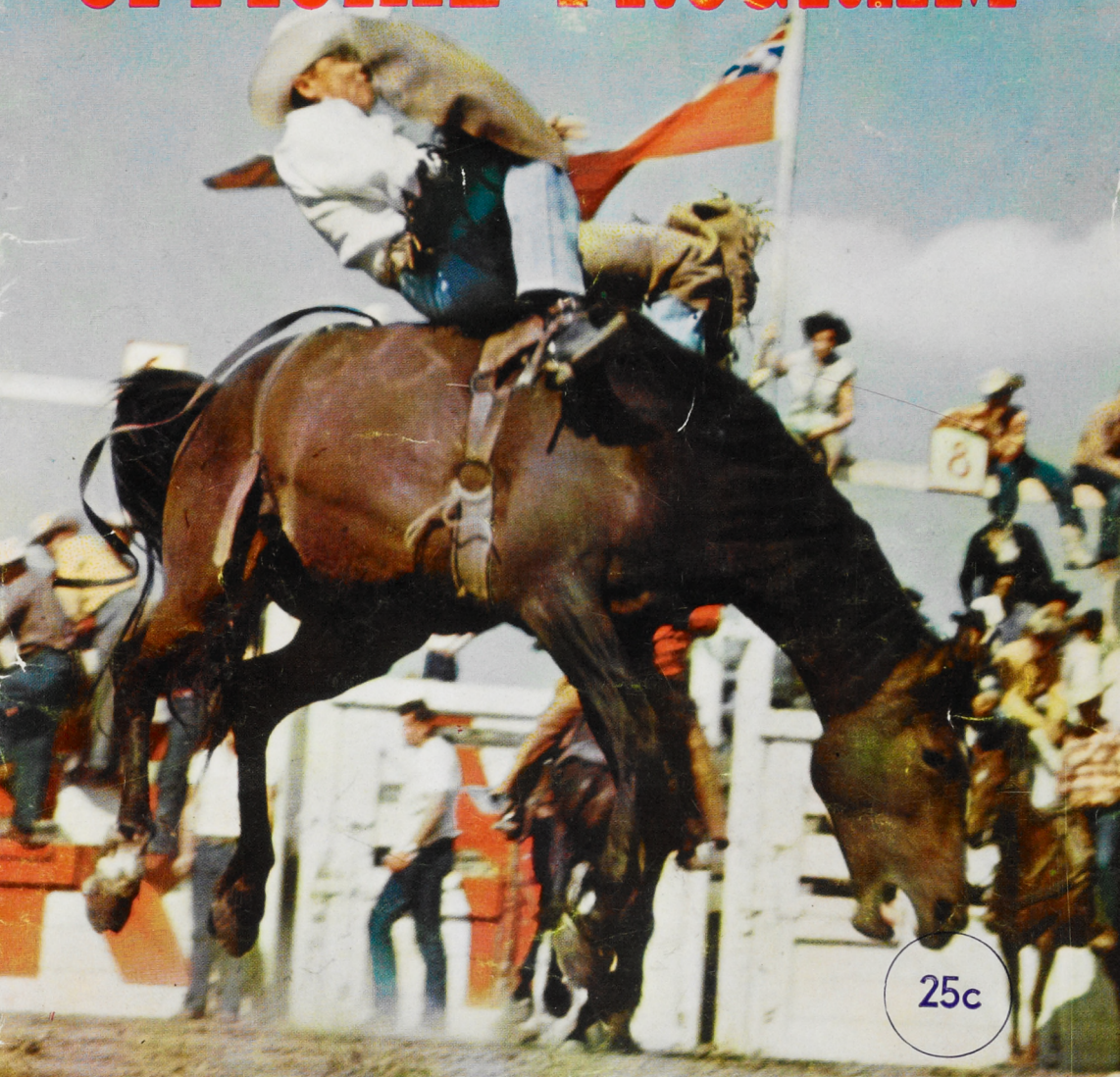


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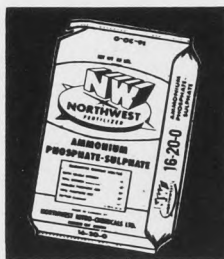
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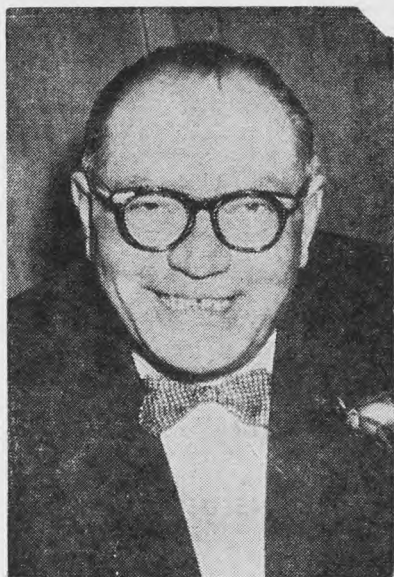
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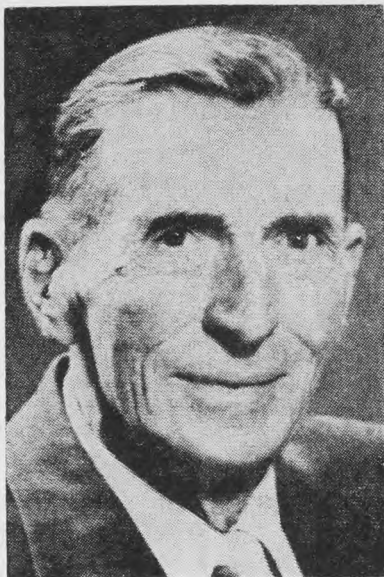
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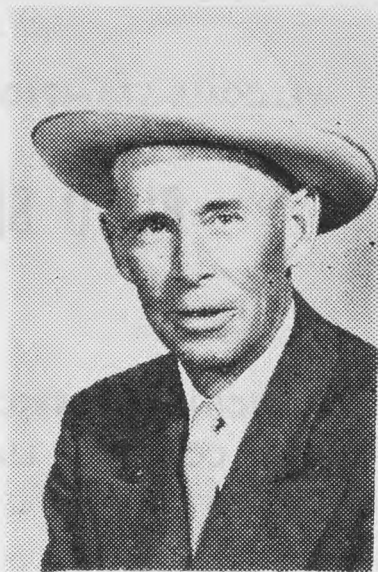
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RULES FOR SADDLE BRONC RIDING

After the horse leaves the starting place every horse must be spurred first jump out of starting place high in the shoulders and the rider must continue to spur throughout the ride to the satisfaction of the judges. Rider must leave starting place with rein in one hand, the other hand high in the air, and must keep free hand in the air at all time. Rein hand must be absolutely free, showing daylight as he leaves the chute.

Ten seconds will be given by timers with stop watches from flag until whistle, to each rider.

OFFENCES — The following offences will disqualify a contestant:

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This is a timed event, time being taken from the time the calf is released from the chute and the starter's flag drops, until the field judge drops the flag, when the roper has finished his tie.

RULES FOR CALF ROPING

This is a catch-as-catch-can contest. Roper must throw rope from horse and not place on calf. Rope must be on calf when roper gets hand on calf. After roper has caught calf in the above described manner, he may stop horse, dismount, go down rope; throw calf by hand; cross any three feet and tie up in a proper manner, THEN THROW UP HIS HANDS FOR TIME.

Roper will be penalized ten seconds if calf is jerked down by the horse or roper. A calf jerked down means that a calf is off all four feet lying on back or side. An additional ten seconds penalty will be imposed if roper's horse drags the calf three feet or more. Ten seconds penalty will be imposed for beating or breaking the barrier.

Two loops are allowed but if the rope is not on calf properly in 45 seconds, roper shall receive "no time" on that calf.

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Third Day Money	\$200 — 1st, \$80; 2nd, \$60; 3rd, \$40; 4th, \$20.

RULES FOR WILD STEER WRESTLING

Contestant will be supplied with ribbon attached to rubber band, which contestant must put on steer's horn (either horn). When contestant has attached ribbon to horn, he shall turn steer loose. Steer must be caught from horse. If contestant can properly attach ribbon without stopping steer, it is alright or he may stop steer to do so; if he so desires; but in no case shall steer be thrown or twisted down, or contestant shall receive a mark of "no time". Ribbon must be placed on horn and contestant must have left horse, and touched the ground with both feet before time is taken.

As soon as contestant leaps and is off on steer, hazer will retire. Contestants must be off horse on steer in 30 seconds or he will be flagged and given a mark of "no time". Should he leap inside the 30 seconds and miss steer, he can mount either his own mount or his hazer's horse.

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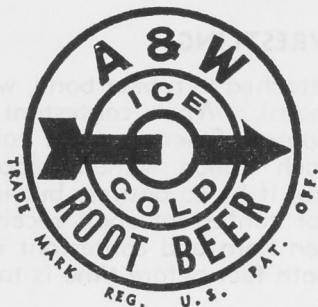
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BAREBACK BRONC RIDING

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Third Day Money	\$200 — 1st, \$80; 2nd, \$60; 3rd, \$40; 4th, \$20.

BAREBACK BRONC RIDING

Bareback bronc riding is similar to saddle bronc riding, the principal difference being that in bareback bronc riding only circling is used instead of a saddle.

Riders must ride with one hand on the circling and one in the air, must not touch horse with free hand, or change hands on the circling, and must keep feet moving in a kicking motion.

In bareback bronc riding, the pick-up men ride to the aid of the contestant when the signal is given denoting that the time of the ride has expired and as no reins are used in this event by the contestant, the pick-up man attempts to lift the rider bodily from the back of the buckner and this is often as exciting as the ride itself.

RULES FOR BAREBACK BRONC RIDING

This is a one-hand contest. Any of the following offences will disqualify a rider.

1. Not spurring horse over the points in the shoulders first jump out of the chute. 2. Cheating in any manner. 3. Being bucked off. 4. Touching anything with free hand. 5. Use of any excessive substance or preparation on any part of rider's clothing or equipment. 6. If rigging comes off horse without breaking.

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In the early days of Medicine Hat there was no such thing as a rodeo for public entertainment. To begin with, there were few people to entertain. But even of greater importance, the elements of a rodeo, horsemanship and roping and wrangling, were not performed for anyone's entertainment. They were the basic skills of the rancher and his rangehands. The better roper or wrangler a man was, the better a cowboy he was.

But the cowboys did take a sort of professional pride in their work. After all their livelihoods depended upon their abilities and it was only natural that when a number of them were gathered together in one spot there should be some sort of contest for their own enjoyment.

That's exactly what happened in 1901. In that year there was a time in the early summer that Medicine Hat was host to a large number of American cowboys. They were sent up into the Canadian short grass area by their employers to round up cattle which had strayed north of the border. Such were the number of strays in the years before the fence came, that it was not uncommon for many large ranchers to send out a string of 'punchers and a chuckwagon, searching for cattle bearing the owner's brand.

The 1901 show, the first of its kind, was primarily a bucking horse event, organized by Darias Allen, a pioneer rancher and cowboy of the Seven Persons area. Along with the horse event was steer roping, not with any puny calves, such as are used in these days, but with 4 and 5-year-olds, up to 1,500 lbs. in weight. Some of the local men who particularly stood out in the first show were the pioneers whose names are still well-known in this district: James Mitchell, Dr. J. C. Hargrave, Jules Canal, the famous R.C.M.P. Scout, and others. The site was on the river bank, near the location of the recently deserted general hospital.

In 1905, the same kind of event was staged again, and then followed a series of years in which no organizer was found who could spark the event. It was not until 1917 that a major stampede was held, this time under the direction of the well-known Day Brothers, of the Turkey Trot Ranch: The Days, Addison, Tony and Billy had migrated to the 'Hat from the Black Hills of South Dakota. At the site of the present airport they staged a show which ran for three days and included rodeo events, horse races, grandstand attractions, all the components, as a matter of fact, of the present shows.

But the shows never developed annually. Some hitch always developed, such as a drought, a war, or some other calamity which interrupted the hoped-for schedule. In 1923, with the assistance of the Medicine Hat Agricultural Society headed by Bill Church, with Henry Cavan as vice-president, a rodeo and agricultural show was held, again at the airport. In 1925 a repeat was presented by Henry Cavan and James Mitchell. In

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1935 Jack McLane was co-manager of a stampede along with Connie Novak, a rancher from Wildhorse. This successful three-day show was followed by another under the same auspices in 1936.

The latter shows were the large events, those which loom largest in the history books. Usually, there was some collection of rodeo events staged somewhere near the city, and after 1912 there were a few years in which some elements of the cowboys sport were not presented.

Transportation was a hindrance to a successful show in the days of yesteryear. From the business section to the grounds, on the present airport, there were only rutted roads which one must travel with horse and team.

The Calgary Stampede, originated in 1912, gave the local people an impetus which might have impelled them to think more seriously of annual events, but, even so, it was not until 1947 that the present Medicine Hat Exhibition and Stampede Company was organized, an amalgam, as it were, of the former Medicine Hat Agricultural Society, along with representatives of various local clubs and groups who felt Medicine Hat was deserving of a top-flight show each year.

This brief article is only a collection of some of the highlights of rodeo history from Medicine Hat. Few names have been mentioned for the reason that so many persons have assisted in the re-birth of what is now an outstanding event in the entertainment world.

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